

SUBCHAPTER II  
COMMISSION ON AGING

**231.11 Commission established.**

The commission on aging is established which shall consist of eleven members. One member each shall be appointed by the president of the senate, after consultation with the majority leader of the senate, and by the minority leader of the senate, from the members of the senate to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. One member each shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and by the minority leader of the house of representatives, from the members of the house of representatives to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. Seven members shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. Not more than a simple majority of the governor's appointees shall belong to the same political party. At least four of the seven members appointed by the governor shall be fifty-five years of age or older when appointed.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1005

C87, §249D.11

90 Acts, ch 1223, §22

C93, §231.11

2008 Acts, ch 1156, §32, 58; 2009 Acts, ch 23, §16

Confirmation, see §2.32

**231.12 Terms.**

All members of the commission appointed by the governor shall be appointed for terms of four years, with staggered expiration dates. The terms of office of members appointed by the governor shall commence and end as provided by section 69.19. Legislative members of the commission shall serve terms of office as provided in section 69.16B. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term of the vacancy in the same manner as the original appointment was made. If a legislative member ceases to be a member of the general assembly the legislative member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1006

C87, §249D.12

88 Acts, ch 1134, §59

C93, §231.12

2008 Acts, ch 1156, §33, 58

**231.13 Meetings — officers.**

Members of the commission shall elect from the commission's membership a chairperson, and other officers as commission members deem necessary, who shall serve for a period of two years. The commission shall meet at regular intervals at least four times each year and may hold special meetings at the call of the chairperson or at the request of a majority of the commission membership. The commission shall meet at the seat of government or such other place as the commission may designate. Members shall be paid a per diem as specified in section 7E.6 and shall receive reimbursement for actual expenses for their official duties.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1007

C87, §249D.13

90 Acts, ch 1256, §42

C93, §231.13

2003 Acts, ch 141, §3

#### **231.14 Commission duties and authority.**

1. The commission is the policymaking body of the sole state agency responsible for administration of the federal Act. The commission shall:

*a.* Approve state and area plans on aging.  
*b.* **Adopt policies to coordinate state activities related to the purposes of this chapter.**

*c.* **Serve as an effective and visible advocate for older individuals by establishing policies for reviewing and commenting upon all state plans, budgets, and policies which affect older individuals and for providing technical assistance to any agency, organization, association, or individual representing the needs of older individuals.**

*d.* Divide the state into distinct planning and service areas after considering the geographical distribution of older individuals in the state, the incidence of the need for supportive services, nutrition services, multipurpose senior centers, and legal services, the distribution of older individuals who have low incomes residing in such areas, the distribution of resources available to provide such services or centers, the boundaries of existing areas within the state which are drawn for the planning or administration of supportive services programs, the location of units of general purpose, local government within the state, and any other relevant factors.

*e.* Designate for each planning and service area a public or private nonprofit agency or organization as the area agency on aging for that area. The commission may revoke the designation of an area agency on aging pursuant to section 231.32.

*f.* **Adopt policies to assure that the department will take into account the views of older individuals in the development of policy.**

*g.* Adopt a formula for the distribution of federal Act and state funds taking into account, to the maximum extent feasible, the best available data on the geographic distribution of older individuals in the state, and publish the formula for review and comment.

*h.* **Adopt policies and measures to assure that preference will be given to providing services to older individuals with the greatest economic or social needs, with particular attention to low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas.**

*i.* Adopt policies to administer state programs authorized by this chapter.

*j.* **Adopt policies and administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A that support the capabilities of the area agencies on aging and the aging and disabilities resource centers to serve older individuals and persons with disabilities experiencing Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.**

2. The commission shall adopt administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer the duties specified in this chapter and in all other chapters under the department's jurisdiction.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1008

88 Acts, ch 1073, §1